

THE STATE FAIR.

The second Fair of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, which commenced here on Tuesday last, is still in progress, and will be closed to-day, Friday, by reading out the premiums, and by an exhibition of the prize animals, &c. We have no hesitation in saying, as the result of some observation, that the present exhibition is greatly superior in every respect to that of last year. The entries of horses, hogs, poultry, cattle, vegetables, machinery, and manufactured articles of all kinds, largely exceed those of last year; while, as a general rule, the animals and articles on exhibition are superior to most of those exhibited at the last Fair. We learn that there are more than a thousand entries on the books, one entry frequently including several articles; and that a number of manufactured articles arrived too late to be placed on the lists made out to be examined and passed upon by the judges for awarding premiums. Floral Hall, Farmer's Hall, and Mechanic's Hall, have been well filled with the specimens assigned them; and this though the first-named building has been doubled in size, and the two last erected since last year.

We might go somewhat into detail with reference to everything on exhibition, but it would hardly be just to do so. We should necessarily omit many articles, if we were to attempt to enumerate them; and comparisons might be instituted which would be unjust to some of the exhibitors. We do not feel disposed to discriminate, even if we could do so accurately and properly, where *all* have made such laudable efforts to excel. Hereafter, when the list of premiums shall have been completed, we may take occasion to allude more specifically to the varied productions of nature and art so profusely exhibited on the occasion.

On Wednesday and Thursday there were trials of speed in trotting horses in harness; and on Thursday the plowing-match took place.

On Thursday the Address was delivered, pursuant to appointment, by the Hon. Kenneth Rayner, of Hertford. The speaker occupied some two hours in its delivery, and during all that time he kept the earnest attention of the immense assemblage. It was—as such Addresses generally are—of rather a theoretical, discursive character; but it was equal, in every respect, as a composition and as a specimen of eloquence, to the expectations of the audience. It has been printed, and the public will therefore have an opportunity of reading it and judging of it for themselves.

On Thursday the assemblage at the Fair Grounds could not have been less than eight thousand. There were probably two hundred wagons in the vicinity of the grounds, and the stream of carriages and vehicles of various sorts was continuous from the City to the point of attraction. The only obstruction to the general comfort and enjoyment has been the dust—but this, even if we had been favored with a rain, would have been unavoidable from the number of vehicles and persons.

It has indeed been a proud time not only for the farmers and mechanics, but for the State of North Carolina. It was an exhibition not merely of what the State is capable of now, but the earnestness and enthusiasm evinced by all furnish the most gratifying pledge of still better achievements—of greater success in the future.